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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: RENEWAL OF ILMAC

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1. BOUTROS ASKED ME THIS MORNING WHETHER WE HAD ANY COMMENT FROM DEPARTMENT ON DAYAN MESSAGE TRANSMITTED THROUGH UNSYG ABOUT REVIVAL OF ILMAC. I SAID WE HAD RECEIVED INITIAL COMMENT THAT THIS MIGHT BE A HELPFUL STEP, BUT I DID NOT THINK WE HAD DEFINITIVE, STUDIED RESPONSE. BOUTROS ASKED IF WE COULD GIVE HIM A MORE COMPREHENSIVE COMMENT BY TOMORROW. I SAID I WOULD TRANSMIT REQUEST.

2. THERE ARE OBVIOUS PITFALLS IN WHAT DAYAN IS PROPOSING BECAUSE LANGUAGE OF AGREEMENT MAKES LEBANESE RESPONSIBLE FOR PALESTINIANS, WHOM THEY ARE UNABLE TO CONTROL. FACT THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE, WHEN ISRAELIS ARE CONTROLLING SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS LEBANESE TERRITORY IN SOUTH, ISRAELIS WOULD COME FORWARD WITH NEW PROPOSAL WHICH THEY KNOW LEBANESE WOULD NOT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT ON THE GROUND SOUNDS TO LEBANESE AS THOUGH THEY ARE SEEKING BUILD LEGAL CASE FOR RETAINING THAT CONTROL. IT IS

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QUITE POSSIBLE ISRAELI INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, BUT I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD BE IN POSITION OF CERTIFYING THEM TO LEBANESE AND BELIEVE WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL IN ANY COMMENTS WE MAKE ON THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT KAWKABA FIASCO FOR WHICH WE ARE NOW BEING BLAMED. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING TEL AVIV'S COMMENT AS TO DAYAN'S REAL INTENTIONS.

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